

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of aiding portal site making comprising the steps of:

preparing a plurality of mount files, each mount file including mount image information and a mount type information;

displaying the mount image information of one of said plurality of mount files in accordance with selection by a user;

preparing a plurality of image/information files indicative of various services, each image/information file including a small-size image representing each of said services and information items relating to the service, each information item relating to a mount type; and

mounting said small-size images of said image/information files on said displayed mount file image information in accordance with operation by the user,

wherein, when said small-size image of said image/information file is designated by the user on said mount image information, said information item which mount type coincides with said mount type information in said mount file is displayed.

2. (currently amended) A portal site making aiding method according to claim 1, wherein each of said image/information files is made by embedding information ~~indicative of the contents of various services-items in images~~ the small-size image for identifying the ~~various services~~ service through digital watermarking.

3. (currently amended) A portal site making aiding method according to claim 2, wherein the information ~~indicative of the contents of the services-items~~ of said image/information files ~~includes~~ file include a service menu and URLs corresponding to individual items of the menu.

4. (original) A portal site making aiding method according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of mount files and said image/information files are provided through a network.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) A portal site making aiding method according to claim 1, wherein the operation by said user is drag and drop of said small-size image of said image/information file.

7. (currently amended) A portal site making aiding method according to claim 6, wherein said mount file is of a HTML format and when said small-size image of

said image/information file is dragged and dropped, a statement defining dropped coordinates and an image/information file name is inserted into said mount file.

8. (currently amended) A service providing method for providing services on a network comprising the steps of:

displaying a portal site in which image/information files indicative of various services are mounted on a mount including a mount type, each image/information file including a small-size image representing each of said services and information items relating to the service, each information item relating to a mount type; and
providing service items in accordance with selection of said image/information files by a user comparing, when said small-size image of said image/information file is designated by a user, the mount type included in said mount with the mount type of each information item included in said designated image/information file to display a coincident information item.

9. – 10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A service providing method according to ~~claim 10~~ claim 8, further comprising the step of linking to a URL of the ~~menu~~ information item included in said image/information file in accordance with selection of the ~~menu~~ information item by the user.

12. (currently amended) A program for aiding portal site making comprising a code for executing the following steps of:

~~providing a plurality of mount files;~~

~~displaying one of said plurality of mount files in accordance with selection by a user;~~

~~providing a plurality of image/information files indicative of various services;~~

and

~~mounting said image/information files on said displayed mount file in accordance with operation by the user~~displaying a plurality of mount files, each mount file including mount image information and a mount type information;

displaying the image information of one of said plurality of mount files in accordance with selection by a user;

preparing a plurality of image/information files indicative of various services, each image/information file including a small-size image representing each of said services and information items relating to the service, each information item relating to a mount type;

mounting said small-size images of said image/information files on said displayed mount image information in accordance with operation by the user; and

displaying, when said small-size image of said image/information file is designated by the user on said mount image information, said information item which mount type coincides with said mount type information in said mount file.

13. (currently amended) A service providing program for providing services on a network comprising a code for executing the following steps of:

~~displaying a portal site in which image/information files indicative of various services are mounted on a mount; and~~

~~providing a service item in accordance with selection of said image/information file by a user~~displaying a portal site in which image/information files indicative of various services are mounted on a mount including a mount type, each image/information file including a small-size image representing each of said services and information items relating to the service, each information item relating to a mount type;

comparing, when said small-size image of said image/information file is designated by the user, the mount type included in said mount with the mount type of each information item included in said designated image/information file to display a coincident information item.